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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 8-14 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ringdahl (IDS cited reference).

With regard to claim 8, Ringdahl discloses an apparatus for shaving hair (fig. 2) comprising a hair trimming device (10), a mirror (34) coupled to the hair trimming device; the mirror having a first position in which the mirror extends laterally relative to a first side of the hair trimming device and a second position in which the mirror extends laterally relative to a second side of the hair trimming device, the second side being opposite to the first side (mirror 34 having shaft balls 26, 38 positioned within sockets 30, 32 therefore providing an adjustability to the position of the device such as the handles 26, 36 can move laterally relative to a first side of the trimming device to a second side of the trimming device). In regard to claim 9, the device further having a structure (30, 26) that releasably retains the mirror in the first and second positions. In regard to claim 12, Ringdahl shows a hair trimming device (10), a mirror (34) and a structure (22) connecting the hair trimming device and the mirror. In regard to claims 10

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and 13, the hair trimming device having a hair trimming element (8) facing in a first direction and the mirror (34) facing generally in the first direction (fig. 2). In regard to claim 14, Ringdahl shows a mirror (34), an attachment structure (22) adapted to attached the mirror to an elongate element (10), the attachment structure having first and second opposite sides and a member (30, 26) coupling the mirror (34) to the attachment structure, the member having a first position in which the mirror extends beyond the first side of the attachment of the attachment structure and a second position in which the mirror extends beyond the second side of the attachment structure (same analysis as discussed above in claim 8), the member having a structure (ball and socket) releasably retaining the connector in its first and second positions. In regard to claims 11, 16 and 17, the mirror being a magnifying mirror (col. 2, line 57).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 and 7, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ringdahl.

With regard to claims 1 and 2, 15, Ringdahl discloses the above device which inherently shows a step of placing the hair trimming device (10) having at least a

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magnifying mirror attached thereto and manipulating the hair trimming device to remove hair from portions of the body of the user, Ringdahl fails to show the step of facing a first mirror as a reflection of the mirror attached to the hair trimming device, however, it would have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the art to use such device in combination with another mirror in order to provide a view from the mirror of the hair trimming device. In regard to claim 3 and 4, 5, Ringdahl inherently shows the mirror of the hair trimming device being arranged to move and extend beyond the hair trimming device (fig. 2) laterally with respect to each side of the body of the user. In regard to claim 7, by showing the mirror (34) being a magnifying mirror (col. 2, line 57), Ringdahl inherently shows the claimed method step.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Zadro and Shimojima are cited to show the state of the art with respect to a razor having a mirror attached thereto. Hayes is cited to show the state of the art with respect to a hand held implement with an attachment of a mirror.

The drawings filed 4/2/04 have been approved by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robyn Doan whose telephone number is (571) 272-4711. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cris Rodriguez can be reached on (571) 272-4964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Doan', with a stylized, flowing script.

Robyn Doan
Examiner
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